



United States District Court
District of South Carolina

memorandum

Date: May 17, 2002

Subject: Exemption from Electronic Public Access Fees for Attorneys Appointed Under the Criminal Justice Act (INFORMATION)

Effective immediately, attorneys appointed under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) and related statutes are now automatically exempt from payment of electronic public access (EPA) fees for work that is performed pursuant to such appointment in all federal courts. Although appointed attorneys have been exempt since 1994 from EPA fees for work related to CJA cases in the jurisdictions where such cases are pending, they have had to apply for credit to the PACER Service Center for charges related to those cases that were incurred in using PACER in other jurisdictions.

This extension of the fee exemption will be applied as part of the regular PACER billing process. Attorneys are, of course, permitted to use their fee-exempt accounts only for work related to services authorized under the CJA and related statutes.

Attorneys appointed under the CJA and related statutes should contact the PACER Service Center at (800) 686-6756, to establish their exempt accounts.